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New York, Thursday, February 6, 1851.

News from California.

The Empire City is due this afternoon, from Chagres, with two weeks later intelligence from California.

Telegraphic Summary.

In the Senate, yesterday, the California Land Title bill was ordered to be engrossed in the same form, almost as in which it was introduced by Mr. Gwin, notwithstanding the opposition of Col. Benton, of Missouri, who fought against it from first to last with an obstinacy and determination characteristic of that gentleman. It is very probable that it will pass the House in the same shape.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. Hunter, amending the Warehouse law. The particulars will be found under our telegraphic head.

In the House of Representatives, the proposition to establish a branch mint in New York, was assigned to the tomb of the Capulets. It was pretty effectually killed on Tuesday, but the finishing touch was administered yesterday. The vote shows that the village of Philadelphia has a hold on the South which has considerable influence when the interests of that city are supposed to be assailed. That section of the country is probably in debt to that village, and hence we see its representatives supporting Mr. Chandler in his onslaught on New York. Well, be it so. Philadelphia, however, can never come up to New York. A frog, once on a time, burst its breeches in attempting to rival the ox in size.

The Bear and the Eagle.—The Destiny of Russia and America.

Our files by the Canada reached us last night, and contain the details of the settlement of the Schleswig-Holstein question—the crisis in France—and the progress of the Dresden conference. These three points are strikingly interesting, and they will, with all their attending circumstance and intrigue, attract the attention they deserve. Even the careless reader of foreign news must be aware that a struggle between despotism and republicanism has begun in Europe, which, in its peaceful or bloody course, must eventually involve all nations; but that the United States and Russia are destined to take the leading parts in that contest, few men, perhaps, may surmise. It is the object of the present article to make this appear.

The seat of despotism is on the Eastern continent—that of republicanism on the Western; and the influence of each on its own ground is relatively the same. Russia is now the grand representative of the former principles—the United States of the latter. Of the nations of the earth, all others (save those whose instability and origin plainly indicate that they cannot affect the prediction about to be made,) have run their race to maturity, or beyond. The United States and Russia, alone, are young and rejoicing in their strength; their culminating point is centuries ahead—their race to power but just begun. Wherever, then, notes these facts, together with the geographical position of the two nations, and the immense strides each has made towards power and influence within the past few years, must feel convinced that all other nations will ultimately be swallowed up, or made subservient to them.

The rapid increase of our own country in territory, wealth and population, and her "manifest destiny," as relates to this continent, are apparent to all; but the unrecalled march of Russia to enormous power—a hike only of which appears upon the face of things—her crafty policy and secret intrigues, extending, beyond doubt, to this country—are not so evident to our people, but should be made so seasonably, and therefore immediately, for the railroad and telegraph are fast making all Europe as convenient to Warsaw, as a century ago, England was to London, while ocean steam navigation will soon make the Atlantic as easy to cross as at that time were the Straits of Dover.

For all intents and purposes, then, the United States and Russia will soon become near neighbors. From station and position the two nations are rivals—from political principles, "natural enemies;" and since the bright example of our success in self-government has raised a storm of revolution in Europe, the waves of which have washed the borders even of the Czar's dominions, obliging him to call out his armies to dash them back, Russia both hates and dreads the United States; and she too sagacious not to know that, to strike effectually, she must aim at the source of the commotion. A glance at the character, aspirations and energies of this future monster, will perhaps open the eyes of our nation, and lead it to take unitedly and warmly a foe "worthy of its steel," and before which slavery, Jesuitism, Catholicism, (if the latter is to be dreaded) and "the supremacy of the laws," are secondary matters; since these no doubt will make part of the very tools she will use in her attempt at our subversion.

Deeply cunning, corrupt, and unscrupulously cruel, she never hesitates at any measures that could advance her interests. But, notwithstanding, she is both cautious and patient—she has learned how to wait, and can bide her time. Look on her at home; her's is emphatically a military nation, her land a nursery of soldiers—not a civil officer has rank as such, but only by a martial grade; the whole government seems one vast military system, of which the Czar is the supreme head—the entire people living, as it were, under martial law. The Russian, early taught blind obedience to his superiors, bends to this severe discipline from patriotic motives; for it is the national belief that "the destiny of Russia is the conquest of the globe." With such a mission in view, and such a system to back it, what may not be expected of a nation now num-

bering sixty millions of souls, just awakening to its strength, just beginning to expand itself, and whose geographical position is such that, protected rear by deserts and ocean-fields of ice, she can throw all her strength into the line of advance! But it is her foreign policy, not her physical force, which nations have most to dread. In this she has always been successful, and for the last two years triumphant; indeed, so masterly and energetic has been her play, that while she has lost nothing, she has gained so much that one is half led to believe "red republicanism" a phantom of her own creation, raised to frighten other powers beneath her wings. Without a blow, Austria, Prussia and Germany are as completely crushed, and under her heel, as though she had sacked their cities and held their castles; and at the present moment, not a nation dare lift a finger in the face of the Czar, for there is not one in which he could not, by intrigue, raise up a party to oppose its government; nor is there a nation upon which he could not precipitate its neighbors through bribes of its territories, or the fear of himself. At his nod, Hungary would eagerly back Austria to pieces, through motives of revenge; while at the same bidding, Croatia and Galicia would support the movement. Austria knows this, and dare not disobey any command of her master. Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, from interest, or sympathy in the Schleswig-Holstein question, or motives of self-preservation, would precipitate themselves in like manner upon Prussia, which has not an ally left; for England is held in check by France, who, still smarting from her defeat at Waterloo, or coveting the extension of her borders to the Rhine, would eagerly march both upon England and Prussia, if Russia would support her; and no movement could be more popular with both her army and navy, than this—and as in England, would indeed be she with such enemies as repeat, popery and charism within her borders.

To foster, create, and take advantage of dissensions among other nations, has long been the policy of Russia—"divide and conquer," her motto. She has never interfered between opposing parties until the break between them was irreconcilable, and then with a grace which, as in the case between Hungary and Austria, caused the vanquished to more than half forgive her. Her first great object—that of holding in her own hands the balance of power in Europe—has been secured, and no combination there can wrest it from her.

It is idle to suppose that republicanism can ever make head in Europe without physical aid from this continent; for the adverse interests there are too strong, and the combinations too firm, to admit of it; nor will constitutional monarchy present but a feeble barrier to the march of despotism. Time was when England, France, and Prussia might, by uniting, have stayed its steps until their governments could have progressively glided into the republican form; but that day has passed. Prussia, with a faint show of resistance, has become the vassal of Russia, while France and England wait their turn, at least so far as that portion of the people who form in fact the government of each nation, is concerned; for the privileged classes in Europe, alarmed by recent events, have no longer a wish for new constitutions. They dread innovations, seeing only in each concession made by existing governments—even to such as were intended for their benefit exclusively—a step towards republicanism; and their entire body, whether princes, nobility, or aristocracy, would prefer the domination of the Czar, even with loss of nationality, to becoming of, or being ruled by, the hated people; while the main body of the bourgeoisie, so long as they can enjoy the pleasure of making money, and the qualifications its possession brings them, will go for "law and order," though the law be that of Satan, and the order that of Pandemonium.

The banners, then, under which the whole civilized world will, within the next half century, be called upon, individually or nationally, to range itself, are those of republicanism and despotism. The question to be decided will be, "which shall prevail—the will of the few for the good of the few, or the will of the many for the good of all?" Russia will lead on one host—the United States the other. Towards the former are now being turned the faces of all those who are content to suffer tyranny, that they in turn may exercise it, willing to sacrifice to this idol, if necessary, both country and name. Fide the Polish nobility. In turn, let the oppressed of all nations look to our land as the beacon of hope; and let the first step towards universal freedom be that of the breaking down of all nationalities; let the people of all lands no longer know each other as strangers or foreigners, but all true republicans meet as brethren—then will one means by which their oppressors have led them to waste their strength upon each other, be destroyed, and the watchword of "universal tyranny" be met with that of "universal brotherhood."

If it be the destiny of Russia to attempt the conquest of the earth for her own glory, be it that of the United States to accomplish that result for the earth's good. But may that conquest be one of unity—may her name be ominous of her mission—in other words, let the nations of the earth all become, in God's own time, United States.

THE BATTLE AT NIBLO.—In addition to the clever performances of French vaudeville, at Niblo's, the public have the pleasure of enjoying, in the new ballet company, some of the most agreeable dancing ever known in this city. The Kouskoff family is comprised of a father and four daughters. The management of the ballet is directed by the former, while the daughters appear before the public in various dances suited to their skill and powers. Caroline is a remarkably fine dancer, and Adelaide and Teresina add greatly to the attraction by their accomplishments in the art. Indeed, taken as a whole, this novel troupe will create no ordinary sensation, for their performances are highly finished and excellent, and such as must be appreciated by those who delight in the poetry of motion.

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THE NEW POSTAGE LAW.—Our columns supply the new postage law, as amended by the Senate. The genius of stupidity seems to have predated over its advent—for a more ridiculous bill, in its general bearing upon the interests of the country, never yet came before the public. We hope an appropriation will be made to attend drying out every post office, so that subscribers to newspapers may not have to wait an unreasonably long time for postmasters to weigh the papers "in a dry state." There being no lot or hindrance to counterfeiting the new three cent pieces, the probability is that the public will have a quantity of small change with which to accommodate customers. The liberal provision towards publishers, included in the permission to publish, at their own private risk, the names on dead letters, at one cent each, provided they should be "called for," is a beneficial dispensation of enlightened legislation. But we have already taken up too much space in noticing this absurd law. It is a pity that the old law has been disturbed, to give place to such folly. Congress seems to be without brains.

INTELLIGENCE FROM BRAZIL.—We have in our possession, from the *Journal do Comercio*, of Rio Janeiro, to December 21. The political news is without interest, and we have been unable to find in the papers anything relative to the expected war between Brazil and Buenos Ayres. At the latter date, a case of epidemic, having all the symptoms of fever, was intensely raging in the city of Campos. The Brazilian government was taking all the necessary measures to provide for the poor people suffering by this sickness.

The chief of police of Bahia had been condemned, on the 26th of November, the brig Encantador to be sold at auction, for having violated the 31st article of the law promulgated on the 4th of last September.

MARINE AFFAIRS.—For ENRIQUE, the U. S. M. steamship Arctic, Capt. Luce, left yesterday for Liverpool. She carried out over one hundred thousand dollars. Her passengers' names, numbering thirty, will be found under Maritime Intelligence.

LAUNCH OF ANOTHER MAIL STEAMSHIP.—Messrs. Smith & Dixon will launch to-day, at half past twelve o'clock, from the yard of Mr. Smith, at the foot of Broadway, the launch of Messrs. Howard & Appleton's steamship, the launch of a steamer is always matter of interest, especially one for the mail service, as they would be always available in case of war, and would be most serviceable additions to our somewhat limited naval force. This steamer is spoken of by those competent to judge of such productions as a most valuable addition to our steam fleet, and possessing every requisite of a first class ocean steamer. In strength and beauty of model she is excelled by none.

A WELL MERITED REWARD.—The Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York have presented Mr. Benjamin Downing, light keeper at Eaton's Neck, and also his son, Benjamin F. Downing, a silver medal each for their successful exertions in saving the lives of two persons, on August 1st, and at great risk to their own lives. On one side of the medal, the motto, "Pro Felicitate Christi Servata," and surrounded by a sprig of oak leaves and acorns, is inscribed: "Presented to Benjamin Downing, for having, by his humane and courageous conduct, saved the lives of two persons, on August 1st, 1850." On the other side, the motto, "Pro Felicitate Christi Servata," and surrounded by a sprig of oak leaves and acorns, is inscribed: "Presented to Benjamin Downing, for having, by his humane and courageous conduct, saved the lives of two persons, on August 1st, 1850." 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